NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

VII

THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The House will resume the discussion of non-official business. The question for consideration was that the Bill of Mr. Nagan Gowda be passed into law."

• The motion was put and declared carried.

A poll was demanded and the House divided as follows :—

Ayes.

1. The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks.
2. ,, Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur.
3. ,, Mr. T. E. Moir.
4. ,, Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar.
5. ,, Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar.
6. ,, Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar.
7. ,, Dr. P. Subbarayan.
8. Dr. (Mrs.) Muthulakshmi Reddi.
9. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai.
10. Mr. Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar.
11. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Bazl-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur.
12. Mr. H. A. Watson.
13. ,, C. A. Souter.
14. ,, S. H. Slater.
15. ,, A. McG. C. Tampoe.
16. ,, C. W. E. Cotton.
17. ,, V. Ch. John.
18. ,, M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar.
19. Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur.
20. Mr. C. D. Appavu Chettiyar.
21. ,, A. B. Shetty.
22. ,, R. Foulkes.
23. ,, P. J. Ghanavaram Pillai.
24. ,, Mahmud Schamnad Sahib.
25. The Muppil Nayar of Kavalappara.
26. The Zamindar of Singampatti.
27. Mr. J. Kuppuswami.
28. Subadar Major S. A. Nanjappah Bahadur.
29. Rao Bahadur O. M. Narayanan Nambudripad.
30. Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.
31. ,, N. Siva Raj.
32. Rao Sahib L. C. Guruswami.
33. Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai.
34. ,, W. P. A. Soundara Pandia Nadar.
35. Mr. S. Subrahmanya Moopanar.
36. ,, Daniel Thomas.
37. ,, S. V. Vanavudaiya Goundar.
38. ,, S. Venkiah.
39. Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan.
40. Mr. K. Abdul Hye Sahib.
41. ,, G. R. Premayya.
42. ,, A. S. Sahajananda Swami.
43. ,, V. Ramjee Rao.
44. Dr. B. S. Mallayya.
45. Mr. K. R. Karant.
46. ,, Basheer Ahmad Sayeed Sahib.
47. ,, L. K. Tulasiram.
48. ,, A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
49. ,, Ramanath Goenka.
50. ,, R. Nagan Gowda.
51. The Zamindar of Gollapalli.
52. Mr. Chavadi K. Subramanya Pillai.
53. ,, K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar.
54. ,, K. P. Raman Menon.
55. ,, C. Gopala Menon.
56. ,, B. Ramachandra Reddi.
57. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro.
58. The Maharaja of Venkatagiri.
59. Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu.
60. Mr. P. T. Rajan.
61. ,, T. K. Chidambaranatha Mudaliyar.
62. Khan Bahadur S. K. Abdul Razack Sahib Bahadur.
63. Muhammad Khadir Mohidin Sahib Bahadur.
64. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar.
65. Khan Sahib T. M. Moidoo Sahib Bahadur.
66. Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu.
67. Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi.
68. The Kumara Raja of Venkatagiri.
69. Mr. A. V. Bhanoji Rao.

Noes.

1. Mr. P. C. Venkatapathi Raju.
2. ,, J. A. Saldanha.
3. ,, G. Harisarvottama Rao.
4. ,, C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar.
5. ,, K. V. R. Swami.
6. ,, D. Narayana Raju.
7. ,, C. Obi Reddi.
8. Mr. A. Parasurama Rao Pantulu.
9. ,, C. Ramasomayajulu.
10. ,, A. Kaleswara Rao.
11. ,, K. Koti Reddi.
12. ,, K. Madhavan Nayar.
13. ,, C. Venkatarangam Nayudu.
14. ,, B. Venkataratnam.

Ayes 69. Noes 14.

The motion was carried.

The hon. the President called upon Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai to move his motion that his Bill be passed into law.

* Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"On a point of order, Sir, the hon. Member for Anantapur, when he was called upon to move that his Bill be passed into law, said he did not do so."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"He said he would not move the motion then."

* Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"The only provision under which the Bill could have been dropped is under Standing Order No. 52, which says 'the member who introduces the Bill may, at any stage move for the Bill being withdrawn.' There is no other provision under which he could have dropped the motion."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The Standing Order to which the hon. Member has drawn attention, viz., Standing Order No. 52, relates to the withdrawal of Bills. After a Bill is introduced, if a Member wants to drop it, he must remove the Bill from the seisin of the House. He must move a motion that the Bill be withdrawn and the House must vote on that motion. Here there was no question of the withdrawal of the Bill. He did not move the motion of which he had given notice. It does not mean that he withdrew the Bill. Therefore no point of order arises."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"Sir, I raise another point of order . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member may well study the point of order; it can be raised at any stage."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"I have already studied it. Under Standing Order No. 34, a motion can either be adjourned or postponed or the Council may pass on to the next business in order. On the last occasion Mr. Kesava Pillai's motion that his Bill be passed into law was passed over by the Council . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"There was no such order of the Council; the hon. Member did not move his motion."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"He said that he would not move his motion. How did we pass on to the next item?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member had a right to say that he did not move his motion then."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"The motion has lapsed. I shall read the Standing Order . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The motion lapsed that day. The hon. Member gave notice of his motion again yesterday. No period is fixed either by the Rules or Standing Orders for the motion, that the Bill be passed into law, being moved. The motion is on the Agenda now. When it is on the Agenda, I am not able to understand the point of order."

* Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"When it is stated that a Member does not move his motion, it will be deemed to have been withdrawn."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"It was withdrawn on that day. He has given notice of the motion again. That notice has been circulated to hon. Members."

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Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"I wish to be heard Sir." 4-15 p.m.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I do not propose to ask the help of the hon. Member in deciding a point of order."

Dwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—"I have reconsidered my position. We feel it will be to the advantage of our boys that Anantapur should be affiliated to Madras. In these circumstances I move that the Bill be passed into law. Even if you do not move the Minister will bring it on the 25th. I am trying to save the precious time of the Council, because it is sure to be passed with a huge majority."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I second it."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"Mr. President, I rise to oppose this motion. I know I am fighting a losing game. All the same I have to do my duty to Bezwada, my constituency in particular, and Andhra desa in general. Therefore I have to make as it were this funeral oration on the dismemberment particularly of the Andhra desa caused by means of this Bill. Apart from the merits of Bezwada and Vizagapatam, personally I would not care very much if that is the only thing that has happened. The change of the headquarters from the most central place to one corner of Andhra desa has created a very serious situation. The effect of the removal of the headquarters to a very distant corner of the country has made as many as five districts at least to secede from the jurisdiction of the Andhra University. The question of getting two universities seems to be a mere vision, a mere ideal which we cannot expect to reach within a measureable distance of time. There was never any idea of four universities to be developed even when four centres were suggested."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member will be in order only to differ regarding the shifting of the headquarters."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"So when funds cannot be made available even for developing one university, it cannot be thought of that Government would have sufficient funds in the near future to develop another University. Therefore I should think it a great mistake to have done anything to compel some districts to secede from this University."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member will be quite in order only to refer to the question of shifting the University headquarters and if he refers to the secession of the other districts he is only reflecting on the vote of the House."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"The shifting of the headquarters, I am submitting, is a mistake. If the headquarters is located in a central place, there will be plenty of room for all districts to be united under one Andhra University. It is also a great mistake that the hon. Minister should have changed his attitude about the type of the University."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I am obliged again to point out to the hon. Member that the question whether the University is unitary or affiliated or both combined does not arise on this Bill."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"I must say that if it is removed to a corner like Vizagapatam, it will have no claims to be called an Andhra University. We have only a portion of the Andhra desa under this new University. I am very sorry that the present floor leader of the Justice Party Sir A. P. Patro also has joined in this. I would call this a very improper alliance.

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I would not use the expression unholy although it comes to my mind. It is practically so. He ought to have known the change that he has brought into existence. On the other hand he has given up his positions and is helping a new Minister in all his wavering and vagaries and has brought about an impossible situation. I should think that the whole thing on the part of Sir A. P. Patro has been done from the very beginning till now with a sort of sinister motive. From 1925–26, though he was a Minister, for one year he had opportunities of selecting a site and constructing the necessary buildings at Bezwada. He did not do that. The new Minister is now taking up sides and is always in favour of one amendment or the other. He has set up one party against another and always prevented an honourable settlement, because he was always with some amendment which would tempt one party as against the rest. He was never occupying a neutral position but was telling the people that he would abide by the united decision of the Andhra Members. He was coming forward with a minute of dissent once, with an amendment afterwards, then a communique, and again with an amendment."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I cannot allow persistent irrelevancy like this."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"I am sorry; I will finish. I would still appeal to the House to consider its previous opinion and allow the headquarters to remain at the most central place, for there is a possibility and also a probability of the unification of the Andhra desa again under one banner and have a completed and united Andhra University to the credit of Andhra desa."

* Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"Mr. President, Sir, I have had my own fight with regard to the headquarters of the University. But after a decision has been taken with regard to the separation of the Ceded districts and Chittoor and after so much time has been given to that conclusion by the majority of this House as to the headquarters of the University, it would be a sheer waste of public money and time to be further struggling in this matter. So far as matters have gone, there is yet room for us to hold together and to establish a second University at Anantapur. The affiliation to the University at Madras is to my mind to some extent an advantage. If the Government is so minded, it can give us all facilities to develop rapidly into a centre for University."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member will not be in order if he develops the affiliation of Anantapur on the question of shifting the headquarters."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"I will limit myself to the scope of the Bill. I was merely saying, Sir, that the transferance to Vizagapatam was not likely to affect us very materially if the Government was prepared to stand by us and do all that was possible to develop Anantapur. We had our own suspicion against Government. It is up to the Government to dispel all our fears and help us to stand shoulder to shoulder. It is possible for the Andhra University to show magnanimity towards our district and do all that it can for the development of our district in the several branches of the University extension and other schemes.

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"Therefore, I think that at this stage, there is no use struggling about that. Decidedly Vizagapatam is the best place on the east coast. There has been no doubt about it and I have never doubted it and I have expressed it so often. I am confident that we can help Andhra progress if we members are hereby united even in the face of the adversity we have suffered for want of funds arising out of exigencies of the political situation." 4-30 p.m.

*Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"It is a matter for great gratification that this vexed question of University headquarters has at last been settled in some definite form, though I cannot congratulate the Government itself on the part it has taken in the settlement of this matter. Personally, I feel that, in this matter, the initiative must have come from Government and they should have settled the question long long ago instead of waiting for private Members to bring one bill or another and then try to achieve their object by means of amendments. I hope the hon. Minister will take my remark in the spirit in which I am offering it. More than one Member has expressed the fear that Vizagapatam having been made the headquarters of the University with the central districts out of its jurisdiction, it has dealt a serious blow to the establishment of an Andhra Province. I beg to submit, in all humility that their fears, to my mind, are utterly unfounded. If the principle of the redistribution of provinces is not yet a fact, it is not due to the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Members, but because of the system of Government under which we are working. I beg therefore to assure my Andhra Friends that so far as the Andhra Province is concerned, they will find that all Members who come from the Telugu districts will stand shoulder to shoulder in regard to this matter."

*Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"Mr. President, I feel, gladdened to see at last my hon. Colleagues from the Ceded districts are in a way satisfied. If half-a-dozen years ago this question of headquarters, which was in an informal manner discussed in the very city of Vizagapatam during the time of His Excellency Lord Willingdon and under the guidance of Sir Patro, the then Minister for Education, was then settled, there would not have been any of these troubles at all. Much of constructive work would have been done by Government and the Andhra University would have had its own place among the Universities in this country. But you may remember, Sir, more than anybody else, why it took so many years to decide this question; it was to conform to the spirit and the demands of the Ceded districts; and the coastal districts thought that they would not have an Andhra University at the time without the co-operation and support of the Ceded districts. When all of them struggled together and when they were reaping the fruits of their labours, they thought that unless the opinion of the Ceded districts also was pooled, they would not have a University for the coastal districts alone. But, now they seem to take things in a sportsmanlike spirit, because the Council by an overwhelming majority seems to be willing to have the headquarters at one place, viz., Vizagapatam. So far as the coastal districts are concerned, though individually I have no predilection for one place more than any other, I should like to say that the determination and grit which in the latter days of this Bill seem to have got possession of the Minister were not present in the beginning; and in the interests of the parents and boys who go to the University I am constrained to assert that Rajahmundry would have been a better selection; even the Minister once said Rajahmundry would have been with its Sapper's hill about the best spot. Though we have all a

liking for Vizagapatam, I don't think from my experience of Vizagapatam, it is at all at ideal spot. Waltair may be very good, but the town of Vizagapatam down the hills is very malarial, and actually such of the boys of the Andhra country that go to Vizagapatam from other districts like Nellore, Guntur and Kistna for medical studies, invariably suffer from malaria. So, in spite of the gratification that my friends from the Ceded districts have with the off-chance of getting the Anantapur University in the near or distant future, individually, I am not satisfied that the Government have done the right thing in fixing the headquarters at Vizagapatam. They would have been better advised if either Bezwada or Rajahmundry had been selected; Rajahmundry especially, because there is already a first-class first-grade college there with all the advantages of Vizagapatam minus malaria. Under these circumstances, though as I have said before, he has to be congratulated this way, namely, that the representatives of the Andhras have rallied round, I am thankful for the turn given by my friends from Bellary and Anantapur that we should stand shoulder to shoulder when the question of the Andhra province comes, in spite of the University being taken away from certain districts. I am afraid, in spite of their assurance, I must give it as my humble opinion that I earnestly feel that the dream which we have dreamt for fifteen long years is rudely broken, that the idol of our worship is stolen away, and the hon. Minister like an iconoclast broke it to pieces. I can only put up with the thing taking courage into my hands hoping for a better University at a future date. Meanwhile I hope that this University will at least be given enough of funds and may soon be developed. Meanwhile, the students that are in other centres now may be given adequate opportunities to get their colleges affiliated to the Madras University or any other University whichever they like without much trouble to the students. Of course, this will cause a good deal of trouble and annoyance to the students attending different colleges. This aspect the Government does not seem to have considered. They only seem to have taken the view that they could go on from one centre to another, till at last they settled at Vizagapatam. We thought that on the banks of the sacred river Kistna the University would be located, failing that on the banks of the river Godavari; but now the headquarters is taken over to the shores of the Bay of Bengal. All the rivers, as all our hopes, have flown into the sea—*Nadinam Sagaro gathi.* I am only sorry for all this tantalising and this meandering, for we have wasted much of the time of the House and wasted much of the money which should have otherwise flown into the coffers of the University if this question had been settled one way or the other much earlier than now."

* Mr. L. K. Tulasiram :—"I rise to a point of order, Sir. Under Standing Order 49, sub-clause (2), I object to the passing of this Bill as a material amendment has been made. I only take the objection that the Bill need not be passed at the same sitting, and I appeal to you, Mr. President, as the custodian of the rights and liberties of this House to respect the minorities and feelings of the Andhra Members."

* The hon. the President :—"Is it a point of order or an objection to the passing of the Bill."

Mr. L. K. Tulasiram :—"I rely on the Standing Order."

* The hon. the President :—"The objection does not prevail."

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*Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"Mr. President, Sir, now that the five districts in the Andhra desa have been excluded from the jurisdiction of the Andhra University Act and now that we see that there is a chance or rather a certainty of settling this question of the Andhra University which has been pending before this House for at least two years, I support this measure, though I am convinced that it is not the best solution of the problem. In considering whether Bezwada or Vizagapatam should be the headquarters of the Andhra University, I believe the Members from the Ceded districts and Chittoor have as much interest as the other Members from other parts of the Andhra desa have. Particularly, when my Friend from Bezwada appealed to this House to reject this Bill on the ground that if this Bill is rejected, Bezwada would remain the headquarters, and that if Bezwada remains the headquarters, there is every chance of the Ceded districts coming again under the Andhra University Act. So far as this question of the Ceded districts coming into the Andhra University Act is concerned, it depends absolutely, not on the location of the headquarters either at Vizagapatam or Bezwada. The question of centrality does not affect us. From the beginning we have been pleading that the question of centrality ought not to be made so much of. So, let not my friends from Bezwada feel that we are likely to be affected if Vizagapatam is made the headquarters. I have been pleading with all the vehemence that I can command both in this House, in the Select Committee and outside, that if we are one race, as some of us profess to be, and if we want to be together and on financial considerations, there is absolutely no necessity to have more universities than one in our Andhra country. Some of my friends both from the Northern Circars and Ceded districts have sought to make a territorial distinction, treating Ceded districts as a separate territorial entity from the Northern Circars. If really the two parts are different, as some of them have maintained, there is no reason why the Northern Circars people should insist on union. On the other hand, I believe we are one. If there are two universities, I don't see how it affects the question of the Andhras being one or coming together."

*The hon. the President:—"I am afraid, the hon. Member is referring to all the aspects of all the Andhra University Bills."

*Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"So, Sir, my hon. Friends from the Northern Circars need not really feel that this question has been settled in a way which affects the future of the Andhras or the Andhra province. In this connection, I must say, the charge that has been levelled against the hon. the Chief Minister is not really true, for on more than one occasion he gave us an opportunity of settling this question and told us that 'if you Andhras come with a united demand, I am prepared to pilot it through the Council. . .' 4-45 p.m.
More than once I made attempts to bring all the Andhra Members together. I made a proposal whether, if the majority of the Andhra Members of this Council agreed to a certain place being selected as the headquarters, all the members would agree. But very few would consent to such a proposal. So, finding that we could not come to an agreement on the question, the Minister has taken this matter into his own hands and has decided the question to the best of his knowledge. It is no doubt true that the vascillating spirit of the hon. the Chief Minister is responsible, not only to the delay in settling this question, but also to the unnecessary and unhappy hopes that have been engendered from time to time in the minds of people from various districts. This undoubtedly contributed to the

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putting off of this question for a very long time. But I may say this that although my friends from the Northern Circars now profess that they are all for the Ceded districts and so on, I have to refute that statement because whenever the hon. the Chief Minister showed an inclination for one place or another, Members representing that particular place have worked against Anantapur. Anantapur can be taken to be the symbol of the whole Ceded districts. It is no doubt true that others were prepared to vote for the Ceded districts, but representatives of the particular place which seemed to attract the attention of the hon. the Chief Minister were not prepared to vote for it. It really shows that Northern Circars as a whole are against the Ceded districts in this matter. But I do not on that account accuse them as each one of us is claiming the headquarters for his own place. But this ought not to make our friends feel that one section of this province is against them. And I believe, Sir, the time will come when probably, if necessary, we can all go back into one university. I only wish to say that the one condition to make the Ceded districts people to go and join the Andhra University is not by changing the headquarters from Bezwada to Vizagapatam, from Vizagapatam to Rajahmundry and so on, but to see that at the earliest possible moment or opportunity Vizagapatam is made an ideal university, an institution which apart from its situation and climate, will offer attraction on account of its intrinsic merits. Vizagapatam is situated at a place which is capable of immense development. It has so many natural advantages and it can grow into a good university. And my hope is that many rich zamindars who have been spending such large amounts of money in maintaining some of the colleges will be tempted to spend more money on the university, so that Vizagapatam may grow up to such a university that even though we may not be prepared to join on account of the long distance, still on account of its intrinsic merits people in the Ceded districts may be induced to go rather to Vizagapatam, in spite of the distance, than to Madras, or other places. We are now going to far off places in India as well as in the west, to England, Germany and other distant countries, in spite of the distance because the universities of those places provide good instruction. So, if Vizagapatam is developed by the help of the Government and the rich zamindars, into such an ideal institution in the near future, I have no hesitation in saying that we will be prepared before long to affiliate ourselves again to the Andhra University. This settlement, I believe, Sir, will not go in vain. So far as Vizagapatam is concerned, we have been always maintaining —I mean the people of the Ceded districts—that if we are not going to have headquaters in Ceded districts we would prefer Vizagapatam to any other place in the Northern Circars. I beg my friends from the Northern Circars to excuse us for maintaining this position, because if we are to affiliate ourselves to that university and when we are prepared to go as far as Bezwada or Rajahmundry we can as well go to Vizagapatam. Vizagapatam has its advantages so far as we are concerned. Apart from its climate, there is the possibility of every branch of learning being developed there. There is the medical college and there is the engineering college there. So students from the Ceded districts can, instead of going to Bezwada or Rajahmundry for arts and science and to Vizagapatam for medicine, etc., all go to Vizagapatam and maintain the spirit of oneness there. This spirit we have been always maintaining and so far as the East Coast is concerned, we would prefer Vizagapatam to any other place. In that way this arrangement which has been arrived at now is to a certain extent satisfactory. It was never our intention to separate ourselves from the

Andhra University as I believe even in the matter of affiliation the Andhra University would be better for us though for certain conveniences Madras may be preferred probably for some time to come. With these few words I support the motion believing that the time will come when we might be tempted to go back to the Andhra University."

* The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Mr. President, I am much obliged to my hon. Friend, Mr. Koti Reddi, for having at least understood the motive which made me decide on Vizagapatam as the best headquarters and the centre for the Andhra University. If you will bear with me for moment I want to refer to the question of the division of the Andhras for one moment. Far be it from me to divide the Andhras because I have too much respect for the Andhra sentiment, Andhra culture and Andhra emotion also as was said by my hon. Friend, Mr. Anjaneyulu, because my experience of them has been that they are very emotional and very fine people, much finer than perhaps my own Tamil people (A voice :—' Order, order.') I know my friend, Mr. Rajan, does not relish the idea because he is a Tamilian, but with all due deference to him I must say that there are some points about the Andhras which we have to admire. I say this though I have great respect for the Tamil race. I may, however, say this. Far be it from me to divide the Andhras. As I pointed out, when my friend, Mr. Muniswami Nayudu, moved for the omission of the Ceded districts from the Andhra University—and even now I say so—if really the Northern Circars people will treat the Ceded districts people in the way in which they ought to, I am sure the Ceded districts people themselves, who now want separation, will join the Andhra University. That is the opinion not only of my friend, Mr. Muniswami Nayudu, but also of my friend, Mr. Harisarvottama Rao. They say that though it is good at present for the Ceded Districts College at Anantapur to come back to Madras, it is very likely that it would get affiliated back again to the Andhra University. Mr. Harisarvottama Rao asked me to deal with the question about the future of the Anantapur college. As I have said at the meetings of the Select Committee, it is not the intention of the Government to close the college at Anantapur. On the other hand a special responsibility will now rest on the Government because the Anantapur college will hereafter be affiliated to the Madras University. And for the sake of the Ceded districts, which will really not have any university of their own or any important college affiliated to the Andhra University, it is the duty of the Government, and I am quite sure every one will admit that it is the duty of the Government, to develop the Ceded Districts College to the best of their ability so that it would be a centre of culture for people of the Ceded districts. (A voice :—' What about Rajahmundry ? '.) I am not dealing with Rajahmundry, but as my friend. . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am sorry I cannot allow the hon. Member to deal with Rajahmundry. He has to deal with the question of headquarters, that is, only with Anantapur, Bezwada or Vizagapatam."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not deal with Bezwada. I know too much of Bezwada and its municipal chairman to deal with it altogether. He poured all his vials of wrath on my devoted head just because it has not been possible for me to have this university at the door of his house. That seems to be the ideal of Mr. Kaleswara Rao, as far as university education is concerned. I have borne with patience all that he said about the division of

Andhras. If any one is defeated about the question of headquarters. I do not think any one would take the view which Mr. Kaleswara Rao did, because as soon as he found that the centre would not be created at Bezwada, he wanted no other place to be made a centre because Bezwada was ruled out. But unfortunately he was defeated in this wonderful attempt of his to have a university without any centre at all. I will not deal any further, Sir, with the hon. Chairman of the Bezwada Municipal Council. I will leave him alone.

" Mr. President, I am glad that at least other Members of the House have realized the desirability of the location of the headquarters of the Andhra University at Vizagapatam. I am glad that the decision of the Government for Vizagapatam has had a vote in this house which will show that at least three-fourths of the majority of the Members in this House accept Vizagapatam as the headquarters, and I am indeed thankful to my hon. Friend, Mr. Kesava Pillai, for having gone on with his Bill in spite of the adverse vote that was given against him in the matter of Anantapur being made the headquarters.

" I will only say one word more, Mr. President, and that is with reference to the criticism of Mr. Ranganatha Mudaliyar. I will not take that criticism amiss in any sense. The fact is that Government could not put forward any Bill and the reason why they did not do so was that there have been so many Bills and Government thought they would achieve their object, instead of taking an official day for the business, by bringing forward amendments to these Bills.

" I now support the motion that this Bill be passed into law."

The motion was put and carried.

BILL No. 27 OF 1927.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill to amend the Andhra University Act, 1925 (Bill No. 27 of 1927) and move that the Bill as amended by the Select Committee be taken into consideration of the House. In doing so, Sir, I wish to say this. This Bill aims at two important changes. One is to allow first-grade colleges to be opened everywhere, and the other is to treat the political offenders with the same latitude as in the Local Boards Act and the Madras Legislative Council Electoral rules. By allowing the opening of first grade colleges at every place we are enlisting private philanthropy to a great extent. A man at Nellore cannot be expected to contribute to the University at Vizagapatam. So this change is very important. As for the political offenders, let us treat them, as we are treating them in the other Acts. Let us divorce politics from education. So I appeal to hon. Members that they may support the passing of this Bill into law."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" I have the honour to second this motion, Sir."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :— " The hon. Member may continue his speech to-morrow.

" The House will now adjourn and meet again at 11 a.m. to-morrow."

R. V. KKISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Coucil.